



DECISION OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT,

DECISION No. 16/17 DE 196

SUBJECT:

Consultancy for Specialist Design input to FoodWorks^{SW}

DETAILS

The Council are leading on the plans for a new Food and Drink Innovation Centre and linked Food Enterprise Zone at Weston Business Quarter, Weston-super-Mare.

The specialist nature of the development requires technical input to support the design of the Foodworks^{SW} Innovation Centre to ensure the facility meets all food and drink legislative and operational requirements to enable the testing, development and manufacturing of products for public sale.

A number of organisations with a background in food and drink developments submitted quotes to provide the technical support to the design team. Three quotes were received, all at the £10,000 max permitted spend on this work. Quotes were received from:

- Campden BRI (Chipping Campden)
- Food and Drink Forum (Nottingham)
- BIC Innovation (Wales)

While all three submitted strong proposals, in reviewing the supporting documentation, Campden BRI scored the highest based on the breadth of experience and knowledge. The company's position as the UK's leading Food and Drink organisation, with substantial test and piloting facilities, training, process, knowledge management, breadth of research and innovation makes it a significant player with UK Government and work across Europe. Campden BRI also led the work developing the EU standards for food manufacturing construction.

The Contract

1. That a contract is entered into with Campden BRI to a maximum value of £10,000 for the provision of Food and Drink sector technical support for the development of the food related specification for the design and build of the FoodWorks^{SW} Innovation Centre.

The contract will start from 1st September 2016 and will provide up to the equivalent of 10 days staff time to develop the scope and specification of the food elements of the centre to support a planning application during the Autumn.

The budget of £10,000 for this work will be funded from a grant from the WoE Local Enterprise Partnership to enable the development of the Full Business Case for the Centre to be submitted to the LEP during December 2016. The planning application forms part of this work.

The contract for this work, with further detail is attached.

DECISION:

That the attached Contract with Campden BRI is approved.

Reasons:

1. The work was put out for a min of three quotes as required under Standing Orders. Three quotes were received and reviewed against a qualitative assessment with Campden BRI scoring highest.
2. The approved nec 3 Professional Services Short Contract is to be used as required through the Council's Tendering process.
3. The expert input will enable the food elements of the centre to meet full compliance with various technical and food standards.
4. The specialist input at this stage is required by the wider design team to finalise the concept, layout and requirements for the full plans and planning application to completed.

Other Alternatives Considered:

None.

Financial Implications:

- The decision is within the relevant budget of the Directorate from funding specifically provided by the WoE LEP to enable the Full Business Case to be development.

Implications for Future Years:

This is a one off commission.

Risk Assessment:

Campden BRI are the UK's leading food and drink organisation with expertise in the areas required to ensure the FoodWorks^{SW} project is developed effectively and able to deliver to industry requirements.

Signed.......... Director of Development and Environment

Dated.....12/10/16.....

